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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Average temperatures for the week were near 60 degrees over the entire State. That was near normal in the southeast and ranged up to 8 degrees above normal in the Panhandle and Sandhills.

Light frost was reported at many points in the eastern half of the State on Friday morning. There was no precipitation, humidity was relatively low, winds were light, and most days were sunny.

September temperatures averaged near normal over the entire State, the largest departure being about 2 degrees above normal from the western Sandhills to the south central portion of the State. Precipitation was below normal over all except the southeast. (See map on back of page.)

CROPS Nearly all the corn and milo has reached maturity. Some sections would welcome a frost to aid harvest. Northern and western districts have experienced light to heavy local frosts, but the main growing counties have had favorable ripening weather for corn and sorghums. Moisture content of both corn and milo has been too high for harvest without artificial drying, but it has been dropping rapidly during the past week. Moisture in corn is averaging around 26 percent and sorghums, 18 percent.

Harvest of late row crops is starting in quite a few sections. Only about 2 percent of the corn acreage is harvested and around 7 percent of the milo and soybeans. Progress of harvest so far this fall is not greatly different than last year. It is starting about the usual time.

Winter wheat is making good to excellent progress in the east, but western districts need moisture to maintain condition of the crop. Dry weather is slowing growth in local areas of the west. In some places, stands are uneven.

Feed supplies are plentiful in most sections of the State. A few dry areas in the west have short hay and forage supplies, but most counties have adequate to surplus hay and forage stocks. Range and pasture feed is short in parts of the western districts, especially the northwest, but elsewhere the supply is adequate and a little above average for this time of the year.

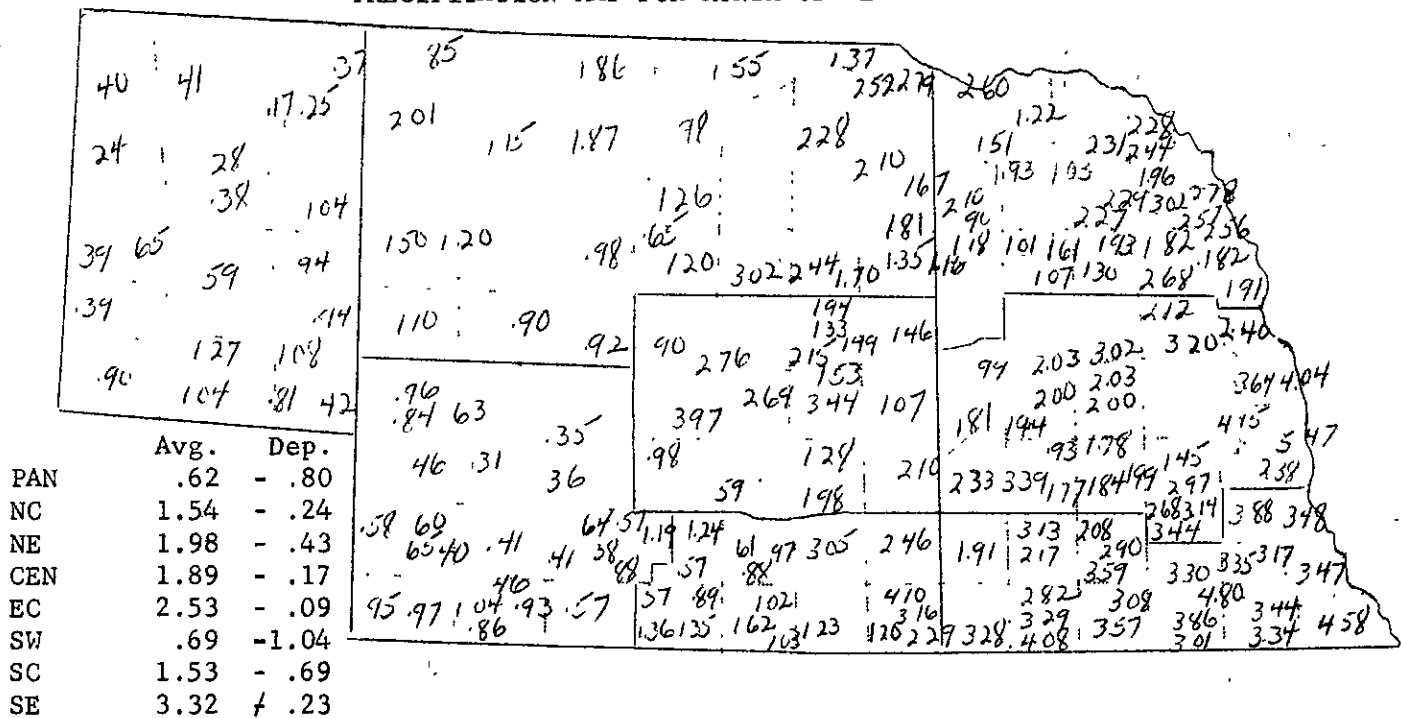
Yields from irrigated crops, such as sugar beets and potatoes, are well above average. Dry bean yields are turning out lower than expected earlier. Early harvested fields of soybeans have been yielding well.

LIVESTOCK Livestock are in good to excellent condition, making good gains and holding above average production rates. The movement of stocker and feeder cattle and calves into the State is approaching a seasonal peak. Demand for feeders is picking up as harvest operations make progress and the fall and winter feeding season gets underway.

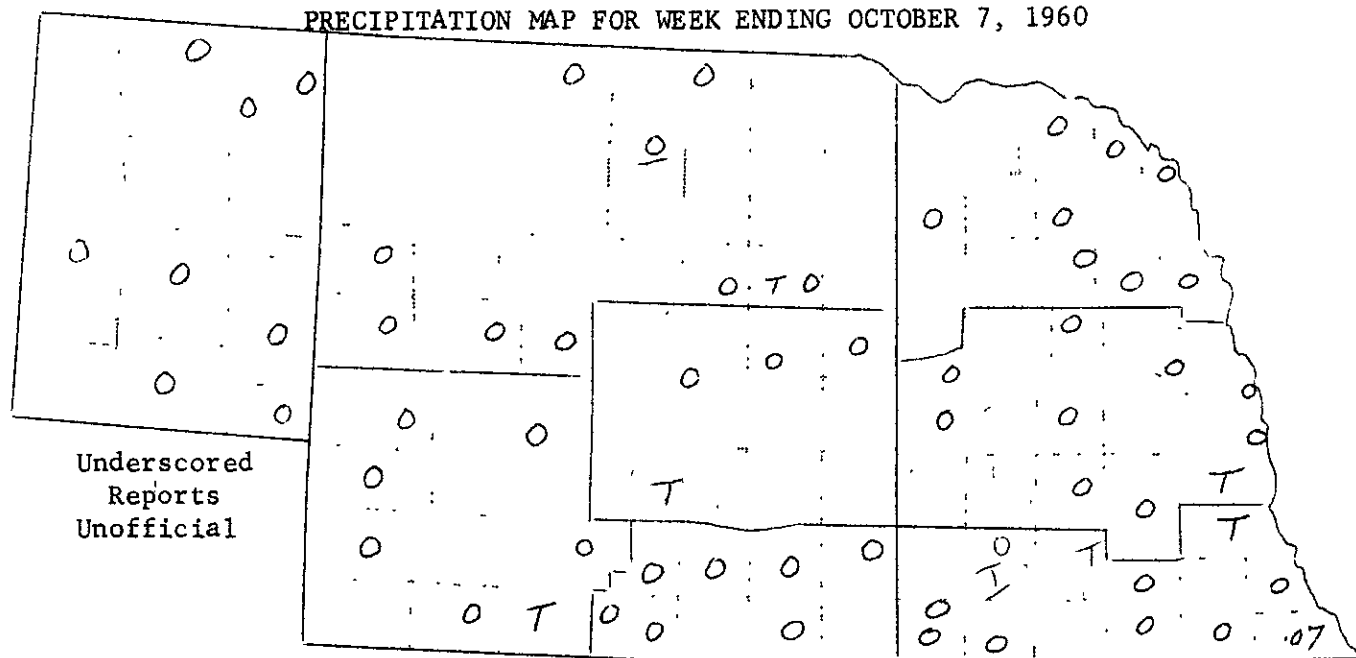
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 10, 1960

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	0	Burwell	0	Chadron	T
Lincoln	0	North Platte	0	Imperial	0
Norfolk	0	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	0			Sidney	0
Sioux City	T				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1960



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 7, 1960



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m. CST)

		October 4th		5th		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	79	39	86	39	81	39	86	49	88	47	88	51	66	37
	Scottsbluff	77	38	83	51	79	38	83	41	85	49	85	46	72	38
	Sidney	74	38	83	48	78	38	81	40	84	46	82	44	77	42
NC	Burwell	73	48	77	42	84	37	77	38	76	39	79	40	80	--
	Valentine	73	40	87	43	82	37	79	52	88	48	82	52	82	47
NE	Norfolk	70	51	77	38	81	44	69	36	73	47	76	41	79	52
	Sioux City	74	55	80	60	81	45	70	40	74	43	78	45	82	49
CEN	Grand Island	73	52	77	56	86	43	74	38	74	44	75	48	79	57
EC	Lincoln	71	56	74	58	84	50	69	39	72	42	74	42	78	52
	Omaha	68	50	74	58	79	48	66	41	70	43	71	46	78	52
SW	Imperial	76	35	87	51	84	38	82	43	87	49	85	50	83	54
	North Platte	74	45	86	36	85	35	81	41	83	43	84	51	80	58

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